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Title: CATALYTIC CONVERTER

WITH MULTILAYERED CATALYST SYSTEM

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AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING RCE

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to a Final Office Action dated October 31, 2005, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

Applicant has enclosed with this amendment a Petition for Extension of Time to make this response timely.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: